# WHAT PARTICIPANTS ARE SAYING ABOUT OUR PROGRAM:

"I loved the new experiences in the outdoors!"



"Everything that we did was both personally rewarding and useful to my teaching profession."

"This is the best class that I have ever taken."

"This was a great time. I got to do the things that I should have done as a kid!"

"I found the AWLS program to be marvelously run. You took into consideration the elements, fed us well, taught us the activities and covered them in depth. All the experiences I had were excellent."

"I wish more teachers and leaders would take advantage of this opportunity"

Other outdoor skills camps/workshops available through the DNR include:

Outdoor Journey (OJ) for girls 12 to 15 years of age

**Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW)** for women 18 years and older

**Hunting and Conservation Camp (HACC)** for boys 12 to 15 years of age

Visit our web site at **www.iowadnr.gov** and click on "camps and workshops" for more information on these and other educational opportunities.



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IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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#### **Equal Opportunity**

Under Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Section 504 of the rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age discrimination Act of 1975 and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, federal regulations prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, or handicap. If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility as described above, or if you desire further information, please write to, Director, lowa Department of Natural Resources, Wallace State Office Building, 502 E. 9th 5t., Des Moines, IA 50319-0034





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### **HISTORY**

The first Iowa American Wilderness Leadership School (AWLS) was held in 1988, with one or two programs offered each year since. Iowa's AWLS is a regional offshoot of the National AWLS program held at Jackson Hole, WY and has a well-established reputation as a quality outdoor experience. Participants are not only involved in the activities, but also given the resources needed to share the activities in their educational settings. The program's accomplishments over the years and what participants have gained serves all lowans.

#### **AGENDA**

The agenda is designed for educators of all types to experience the outdoors and take these experiences back to their students. The five-day program changes each year but includes such activities as orienteering, shooting of all types, wildlife calling, turtle trapping,



fishing (lake, stream and pond), canoeing, camping, fish stocking, bird banding, rock climbing, fly tying and archery. Participants may also study aquatic life, reptiles and amphibians, fishing biotechnology, stream table use, Global Positioning Systems (GPS) and visit Rieman Gardens and the Izaac Walton League in Ames.

#### **FACILITY**

The AWLS program is headquartered at the Springbrook Conservation Education Center, located an hour northwest of Des Moines, in Springbrook State Park. The diverse habitats and activities available at the facility make it an ideal location for the program.

#### LODGING

Lodging is in modern, air-conditioned/heated dormitories with eight people per room. Bedding and towels are provided, with shower and lounge facilities in the dorms.

All meals are included and prepared on site by our concessionaire.

#### **TO REGISTER**

To register, please see the enclosed registration form or call us at 641-747-8383 ext. 11 or e-mail AJay.Winter@dnr.state.ia.us. Registration information is also available at www.iowadnr.gov (click on "camps and workshops").

#### **COST**

The cost of this program is set to cover basic costs of the activities. Additional funding support is generally given

by the Iowa Chapter of Safari Club International.

## **GRADUATE CREDIT**

Graduate credit is available through Drake University for an additional fee payable at registration. Additional information is available each year as the credits are approved. Traditionally Drake offers three credits for the course.



